

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/731,679

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on August 26, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-50.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12/09/2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/21/04,08/06/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in responsive to amendment filed on august 26, 2004.
2. Rejection for claims 41, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 112 is withdrawn.
3. In reference to IDS filed on August 6, 2004, prior art references A, B, D, and E are lined out as they are cited in IDS by applicant dtd. February 19, 2004.
4. In reference to IDS filed on August 6, 2004, prior art reference C is lined out as they are cited in IDS by applicant dtd. June 21, 2004.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
6. The application has been amended as follows:
7. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION OF DLL [DUAL LOCKED LOOP] AND
PLL [PHASE LOCKED LOOP] TO PROVIDE TIGHT LOCKING WITH LARGE
RANGE, AND DYNAMIC TRACKING OF PVT VARIATIONS USING
INTERLEAVED DELAY LINES

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
9. The independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 19, and 41 - 45 are allowable in view of applicant's arguments over the prior art of record and none of the references, either alone or in combination, discloses or renders obvious with a functional arrangement of phase

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locked loop with delay line, and control circuit for controlling delay of delay line with feedback path.

10. The independent claims 21, 26, 31, 36, 39, and 46 – 50 are allowable in view of applicant's arguments over the prior art of record and none of the references, either alone or in combination, discloses or renders obvious with a functional arrangement of dual locked loop with delay line, and control circuit for controlling delay of delay line with feedback path.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin C. Patel whose telephone number is 703-305-3994 [571-272-3675 after October 15, 2004]. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 4:30pm.

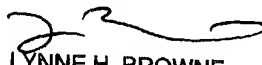
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne H. Browne can be reached on 703-308-1159 [571-272-3670 after October 15, 2004]. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 7, 2004


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